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[Despatch Abstract.]

New Steam Launch for the Periyar Lake

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O., Nos. 200-201 I., dated 22nd June 1910.

ABSTRACT.—Approving a revised estimate amounting to Rs. 35,000 for the new steam launch on the Periyar lake and ordering that a copy of the Proceedings together with the estimate be forwarded to the Government of India for early sanction.

II

Letter—from the Hon'ble MR. L. M. JACOB, C.S.I., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Irrigation).

To—the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.

Dated—Simla, the 15th September 1910.

No.—829 I.

In reply to your endorsement No. 201 I., dated the 22nd June 1910, I am directed to communicate the sanction of the Government of India to the revised estimate, submitted therewith, amounting to Rs. 35,000, for a new steam launch for the Periyar lake.

2. I am, however, to observe that in future cases of this kind when excesses over estimates require the sanction of the Government of India adequate explanations should be given and the reference should not be treated as a mere formality. The bulk of the excess occurs in the freight charges and the only explanation given is that the provision in the original estimate was insufficient. The excess under this head amounts to 554·7 per cent. and was no doubt due to the difficulties of inland transport, but the local officers must have been aware of the conditions and should have prepared the original estimate with greater care. The bulk of the expenditure covered by the revised estimate has already been incurred and no alternative is left to the Government of India but to sanction it. The 31st March 1911 is noted as the date fixed for the completion of the work.

3. The sanction accorded in paragraph 1 above has been registered as No. I/P2 of 1910-11 and is in supersession of that communicated in my telegram No. 1157 W., dated the 18th July 1907. The revised estimate is returned herewith.

Order—No. 341 I., dated 24th October 1910.

Communicated to the officers concerned for information.

2. The sanction accorded by the Government of India is registered as No. 93 I. of 1910-11 and will expire on the 31st March 1911.

3. The attention of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, is drawn to paragraph 2 of the letter from the Government of India.

4. The completion certificate referred to in paragraph 3 of the order read again above has since been received and disposed of by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in his Dis. No. 1119, dated 30th August 1910.

(True Extract.)

C. A. SMITH,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, with estimate.
" Deputy Accountant General, Public Works Branch.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(IRRIGATION BRANCH).

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 341 I., DATED 24TH OCTOBER 1910.

[SUBJECT.—*Government of India's letter sanctioning the revised esimate of Rs.* 35,000 *for a new steam launch for the Periyar Lake.*]

From the Government of India No. 829 *I., dated* 15*th September* 1910.

Under Secretary—

A draft order on the above is submitted for approval.

2. It is for consideration whether the draft Government Order should be circu lated to His Excellency.

T.S.R
29-9-10.

M.A.
9-9-10.

Secretary—

Submitted.

See page 9 of notes to G.O., No. 200 I. of 22nd June 1910.

J. M. LACEY.
4-10-10.

Note for His Excellency—

The file relates to a letter from India sanctioning the revised estimate for the steam launch for Periyar Lake.

2. India complain of inadequate explanation having been furnished to them of the excess over the original estimate. This question was dealt with in the notes to G.O., No. 200 I. of 22nd June 1910, and it is difficult to know what more could have been said to India except to repeat the statement of the actual fact that the cost of transport was underestimated.

3. It will be seen from page 9 of notes to G.O., No. 313 I., dated 11th July 1907, in which the original estimate was sent to India for sanction, that the cost of transport was fixed by Mr. T. W. S. Smyth, then Assistant Chief Engineer for Irrigation, but there is nothing in the records to show how it was fixed.

4. It was certainly as matters have turned out a very inaccurate forecast, but as a matter of fact it would have been somewhat difficult even for the Executive Engineer to have estimated the cost. I am afraid Mr. Smyth must at the time have overlooked the fact that the boiler could only be conveyed on a special trolley and by means of special arrangements and must have based his estimate of cost of transport on the supposition that all the parts could be conveyed on country carts. The actual cost of conveyance was no doubt considerably increased by the fact that the cart road from Kuruvanath (at foot of ghat) to Kumili had been allowed by the District Board to get into such bad order that it had to be handed over last year to the Public

Works Department to put right, and had it been in proper order the difficulties and cost would probably have been lessened. Very great trouble was actually experienced in getting the boiler up and it was only eventually effected by means of an elephant hired at considerable expense and it took several weeks. It is true that part of this difficulty should have been foreseen and possibly would have been, had the estimate been finally completed by the local officers instead of in the Chief Engineer's (Irrigation) office without reference being made to the local officers.

5. Under the circumstances I do not recommend any further action and the draft order is submitted for approval.

C.A.SMITH.
7-10-10.
A. L[AWLEY].
8-10-10.

Under Secretary—

The draft order may now issue.

G.V.
10-10-10.
M.S.V.
10-10-10.

Secretary—

Submitted.

J.M.L.
10-10-10.
C.A.S.
11-10-10.

[Issued as G.O., No. 341 I., dated 24th October 1910.]

C. 283/10

SUBJECT.— G. of I's letter sanctioning the revised estimate of Rs 35000 for a new steam launch for the Periyar Lake.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
IRRIGATION BRANCH.

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To the Chief Engr: for Irrgn

" Supg Engr: , VI Circle, with esto

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